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TAGS: IAEA, TECH (CHERNILIN, YURI)

SUBJECT: IAEA DDG CHERNILIN

REF: IAEA VIENNA 3449

1. VIENNA NEWSPAPER DIE PRESSE OF MAY 24-25, CARRIED LENGTHY ARTICLE HEADLINED: "DIAGNOSIS: POLITICAL HEART TROUBLE", DETAILING CHERNILIN'S REMOVAL FROM PLANE IN TASHKENT AND HIS REPORTED HEART TROUBLE, ETC. ARTICLE IS LIBERALLY SPINKLED WITH "JOURNALISTIC LICENSE", BUT ALSO CONTAINS SOME FACTUAL MATERIAL.

2. ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT REASON FOR CHERNILIN'S REMOVAL WAS ESSENTIALLY DUE TO FACT THAT HE WAS NOT RPT NOT ON SAME WAVELENGTH AS NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA MIKHAIL YEFREMOV, (WE HAVE NO RPT NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS), AND, SPECIFICALLY, THAT "HE SHOWED HIMSELF TO BE TOO ALLIED WITH THE WEST" (WE ENJOYED GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHERNILIN, BUT WOULD HARLY CONSIDER HIM "TOO ALLIED WITH THE WEST"). ARTICLE ALSO GOES INTO PAST HISTORY OF OTHER REMOVALS OF SOVIET IAEA STAFF MEMBERS AND SOVIET INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AT IAEA.

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3. ARTICLE NOTES THAT "ANOTHER IAEA OFFICIAL" WAS

WITNESS TO CHERNILIN'S REMOVAL FROM PLANE AT TASKENT.
FYI. WE HAVE SINCE DETERMINED THAT DR. SVASTI SRISUKH,
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THAI OFFICE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR
PEACE AND MEMBER OF THAI DELEGATION TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
WAS ON SAME FLIGHT EN ROUTE TO BANGKOK AND INDEED
WITNESSED CHERNILIN'S DEPARTURE. REASON REPORTEDLY GIVEN
TO SRISUKH WAS THAT CHERNILIN'S MOTHER SUFFERED HEART
ATTACK AND HE HAD TO RETURN TO MOSCOW TO SEE HER. WE
ASSUME IT WAS SRISUKH WHO IS MISTAKENLY REFERRED TO AS
"ANOTHER IAEA OFFICIAL". END FYI.

4. COPIES OF ROUGH TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE BEING POUCHED
AMMONS/ERDA, CAVANAUGH/IO/SCT, AND EMBASSY MOSCOW FOR
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